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EDMUND ELYS

HIS

Second Letter

TO

Dr. KENNET.

SIR,

YOU did well in Reſolving not to Anſwer the Letter I ſent you both in *Writing* and in *Print*; For if you had undertaken to defend the *Doctor*, you had in ſome degree incurr'd the Guilt of *His Wicked Error*. I wiſh this *Doctor* underſtood the Nature of the OBEDIENCE that is due to the H. C. CHURCH as well as his Father underſtood the Nature of OBEDIENCE due to the KINGS of *England*. That worthy Perſon (if he be yet living) can give better Information concerning the *Rebellion* againſt KING *CHARLES* the Firſt, than as yet you have ever had. I grant that moſt of the Things you

mention as *the leading Causes of that Rebellion*, and of that *Diabolical Fact* of the *Insulting Rebels*, the *Murther* of *their Gracious Sovereign*; I say I grant that such Things as you mention were us'd by the *Devil*, as Means and Instruments to *Instigate* the *Rebellions*; but the chief and proper Causes of the *Rebellion* were the *Pride*, or *Haughtiness* of the *Subjects*; no Actions or Omissions of the *King*, *Covetousness*, *Envy*, *Hatred* and *Malice*, an implacable Desire of *Revenge*, an Ungovern'd *Natural-Enthusiasm*, producing a *Satanical* Scorn of *OBEDIENCE* to *Superiors* both *Ecclesiastical* and *Civil*, *Hypocrisy* (as you rightly observe) *Gross Hypocrisie* in some, and in others *Formal Hypocrisie*; that is, a *Form* of *Godliness* with an Aversion to the *Power* thereof. When I came to these words, *p*, 17. in reading your *Sermon*, against which to our Comfort you tell us some of the Hearers conceiv'd a *Disgust*) *And We are their Off-spring*. I could not but Cry out, *Well said*, LEGION! He's not a *True Englishman*, but one of *Spurious Brood*, who follows the Steps of his Erring Ancestors in Thinking that the *Sovereign's Prerogative is a Detraction from the Liberty of the Subjects*. A *True Englishman is one*, who being *Born* a *Subject* to the CROWN of *England* has a *Natural Affection to the English* MONARCHY; And an Everlasting Hatred to the *Monster* that Mr. *Harrington so Fond* of, The KING PEOPLE. "Only by Pride cometh Contention. Says *Solomon*: And what *Devilish Pride is* This, to Affect *Sovereign Power*, *and to Abhor Obedience*! "From whence come Wars and Fightings among you? *says* St. James 4. 1. Come they not hence, even

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" even of your *Lusts*, that War in your Members? What need we look farther for the Cause of any *Rebellion*?

Sir, I am Old enough to Remember the Beginning of the *Wars and Fightings among us here in England*; And therefore You may Excuse Me, if I think my self Capable to *Instruct* you in these Matters. I Advise you to Study the *Works* of that Blessed Prince King *CHARLES* the *First*; And *the History of the Rebellion*, Written by that most Judicious, and Eloquent Author, the EARL of CLARENDON: I Advise you also to Read His Lordship's most Excellent Book *Against* HOBBE's *Leviathan*, in which there are the most *Deviliſh* Temptations for *Princes* to become *Tyrants*, and *Subjects* to become *Traytors and Rebels*.

Sir, I Wish you all Happiness, and shall ever Remain

Totness *in* Devon.
July 17. 1704.

Your Faithful Servant in the Love of the Truth,

E. E.

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Postscript.

SIR,

I think it convenient to shew you an Epitaph I lately wrote on the Author of a Book, Entitituled, *A Letter to a Convocation-Man.*

Blest Saint, Our CHURCHES Rights shall be
A Glorious MONUMENT to Thee.
Our CONVOCATIONS Sitting, shall
Make all Thine Enemies to Fall
Before the Force of thy Great Name,
Which shall as long's the World shall stand,
Be *Mounted* on the *Wings* of FAME.

Μνήμη δικαίων μετ' ἐγκωμίων.

(*Proverb.* 10. 7.

I desire you wou'd be pleas'd to give an Answer to this *Question*; Whether it be not Necessary for the Honour of the *CHURCH* of *England*, that this most Execrable HÆRESIE, *there are Three Infinite Minds or Spirits*, should be *Censur'd* by a CONVOCATION?

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